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You will doubtless agree that our list is comprehensive. It includes every conceivable colour and embraces all the principal types. Hitherto the Cactus varieties have held almost undisputed sway, but recently the Decorative types have come rapidly to the front and some of the newer varieties of these give wonderful blooms which must be seen to be fully appreciated. Collarette varieties and Singles and the New Star Dahlias are also becoming immensely popular. For cut flower these surpass all others because of their lighter effect and superior lasting qualities. All varieties are very easily cultivated and should be included in every garden. They like a rich loamy soil and plenty of water during the growing season.

At the time of printing this catalogue we have a splendid stock of well-grown tubers ready of all varieties excepting those which have been "starred" in the list. These tubers can be delivered at once. Some of them may have started growth, but can be delivered quite successfully by post in that condition because we give particular care to the packing. The 'starred' varieties will be ready about November and will be sent out at that time in the form of wellrooted young plants. These young plants, if well tended, will be in flower early in the new year and produce the very finest blooms, while the tubers you produce from them will give excellent results again the following season. The best results are not obtained from the large, old tubers which have been growing on from year to year.

Note.—Varieties marked with a star will be ready about November. Other varieties are ready now.

Price.—All varieties are priced this season at 1/6 each, 7/6 per half dozen and 12/6 per dozen.

Packing and Postage.—2/- per dozen, 1/6 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen, 1/- per  $\frac{1}{4}$  dozen, 9d. for less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  dozen. This includes packing and postage within the Union of South Africa only.

\* Aladdin

Decorative

Amber, lightly suffused scarlet, large flower with broad florets and long stems.

Alice Roosevelt

Decorative

White and mauve.

\* Arethusa, 1920

Decorative

Sulphur, paler towards tips, large and full with long tapering reflexed florets and strong erect stems.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

Arthur Pickard

Cactus

Pinkish salmon, lighter tips.

\* Ballon

Decorative

Aprcot with gold shading, very pretty and free-flowering. 4 tt.

Berwick

c Cactus

Dark maroon, a very fine bloom with long stems, one of the very best of the Cactus varieties.

Bullfinch, 1919

Collarette

Brilliant crimson-scarlet, yellow collar and distinct yellow disc. Long stout stems. 3 ft.

Canary

Decorative

Pure vellow, very free-flowering and showy.

Centurion

Crimson-scarlet, narrow and incurving florets.

\* Clarice, 1919

Silvery pink toning to white tips, abundant white collar, light erect habit, very free. 3 ft.

\* Conquest

Deep crimson-maroon.

\* Coral Star, 1920

Coral red, a lovely shade, good habit, stiff wiry stems, splendid for cut flower.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

New Star

\* Councillor, 1920

Yellow at base, deepens to cerise and lighter at tips, very pretty and distinct. Large flowers on wiry stems.

4 ft.

Countess of Lonsdale Decorative

Tawny red, a very pretty shade and one of the best for cut flowers which are abundantly produced and last well in water. This variety should be in every garden collection.

\* Daffodil, 1920 Collarette
Beautiful deep yellow, lighter collar, long stems. 4½ ft.

Daisy Easton
Soft yellow, very good.

Cactus

David, 1920 Decorative
Mauve, long stems, erect habit. 4 ft.

Rose pink. One of the most useful in this class.

Reddish crimson, edged yellow, short yellow collar,

Delice

Ethel

Fulgent

\* Eclipse, 1919

light erect habit. 3 ft.

Bright velvety red.

Soft pink.

Rich rose.

Dark crimson.

\* Holman Hunt

Holyrood

Decorative

Collarette

Cactus

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Paeony-Flowered

Collarette

Collarette Gallia Pink, edged cream and cream collar. Cactus General Buller Rich velvety maroon, tipped white. Paeony-Flowered \* Gorgeous, 1919 Scarlet crimson, broad florets, stout rigid stems, splendid. 4 ft. Decorative Grand Monitor Deep red. New Star \* Hildegarde, 1920 Pale pink with white centre, splendid for vase decorations. 4 ft. Cactus H. L. Brousson

Rich ruby, tipped gold, collar yellow.

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Paeony-Flowered \* Iliad, 1920 Creamy buff, lightly suffused salmon, broad florets, long rigid stems. A grand new variety. It has been classed as "Paeony," but we would prefer to describe it as "Decorative." Tree Dahlia Imperialis The last Dahlia to flower and quite distinct from all others. Its rosy white, pendant, bell-shaped flowers are freely produced and carried on stems 8 to 10 feet or more in height—a fine sight when in full bloom. Paeony-Flowered \* Jess. 1920 Orange-scarlet, very pretty. 3 ft. Cactus Johannesburg Very large and full, bright gold, long strong stems. Paeony-Flowered \* John Green Yellow, shading to fiery scarlet, very showy. 5 ft. Cactus John Ridina Deep crimson, incurved, very fine. Cactus Jupiter Crimson, cream and yellow. Paeony-Flowered \* Kiddie, 1920 Very deep crimson, edged scarlet, splendid for cut flower, 3 ft. Decorative La France Deep rose pink, very full, one of the best. Cactus Libelle Dark purple, broad petalled, free flowering and distinct

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Decorative Loveliness Bright pink, free-flowering. Madonna Degorative Large and free flowering, white. 41 ft. Maid of Kent Decorative Variable, white and red, sometimes just a lovely rich red, very free flowering, one of the old "show" type. \* Marion Walton, 1919 Cactus Sweetly pretty. Pink, rather small flowers, produced freely on perfectly upright stems. 5 ft. Martha Miniature Cactus Flowers small, bright orange-red. \* Meridian, 1919 Cactus Clear light vellow, large and deep, stiff stems and Milton Howard Cactus Bright pink, tipped white. Mont Blanc Decorative White. \* Mrs. A. Harvey, 1920 Cactus Large full flower with incurved florets, gracefully arranged, light salmon-pink with darker shade at base, strong wiry stems. 4 ft.

Mrs. C. Wyatt

Large white, splendid.

\* Mrs. Drury

Delicate purplish crimson, slightly incurving, free flowering, good stems. 4 ft.

Mrs. F. Grinstead
Rich crimson.

Cactus

Cactus

White, edged pale lemon, free flowering. 3 ft.

Cartus

New Star

Mrs. Lowett

Nanette, 1920

Pink.

liable. 4 ft.

Nantwich Cactus Light bronzy orange. Cactus Nellie Hemsley Reddish cactus. " Old Gold Paeony-Flowered Deep golden amber, large and free flowering with good stems \* Olivia, 1919 Paeony-Flowered Rich deep pink, semi-double, long wiry stems, fine for vase decorations. Olympic Cactus Deep crimson self. Orange King Decorative Brilliant orange, very showy and has long stems. Peace Decoratine Bright scarlet, good flower but lacks length of stem. Perle De La Tete D'Or Decorative White, splendid for cut flower. Phidias Paeonu-Flowered Yellow, suffused pink, large and very showy. Pierrot Cactus Amber, white tipped, very fine, large. President Wilson, 1920 Decorative

Brilliant vermilion-scarlet, free flowering, very re-

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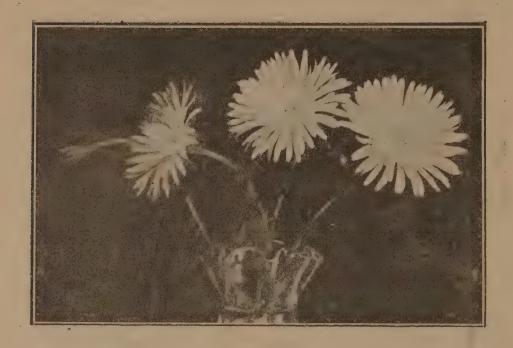
Cactus Pride of Essex Bronzy red, broad petals. Decorative Princess Juliana Creamy white. Cactus Red Admiral Rich fiery scarlet. Cactus \* Red Ensign Orange red, free flowerer, strong erect stems. 3 ft. Cactus Rev. A. Bridges Amber-bronze. Decorative \* Rhoda, 1920 Shrimp pink, shaded rose, small double flowers on erect long wiry stems, bushy habit. 31 ft. Cactus \* Richard Box Light clear yellow. New Star \* Rising Star, 1919 Brilliant scarlet, tipped yellow, free flowering and distinct. Single \* Sensation Vermilion, tipped white, very striking. Cactus \* Snowdon Pure white, large, with narrrow petals and long wiry stems. Cactus \* Snowstorm Pure white. Single Souvenir De Chalone Yellow and scarlet.

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Cactus \* Sportsman Fine scarlet, good habit. Decorative \* Stalwart. 1920 Purplish crimson with purple reverse, fairly large and lasts well, upright growth, sturdy habit. 5 ft. Cactus Starlight Pale yellow. . Collarette Swallow White. Cactus Sylvia Pretty rose pink, very free. Thomas Wilson Cactus Pale salmon pink. Paeony-Flowered Unique Dark red. Cactus Valparaiso Coral pink. Pompon White Aster Pure white, fimbriated, free flowering. 4 ft. New Star \* White Star A pure white with orangy centre. Perfect habit and good stems, fine for vase decorations. 4 ft. Decorative White Swan Pure white. Decorative \* Yellow Colosse Bright yellow, compact habit. 3 ft. New Star \* Yellow Star Stiff wiry Primrose vellow, a very pretty shade. stems, splendid for vase decorations.

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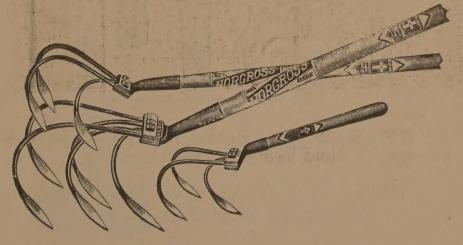
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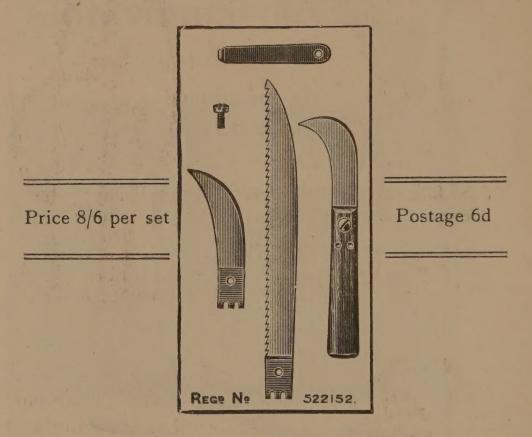
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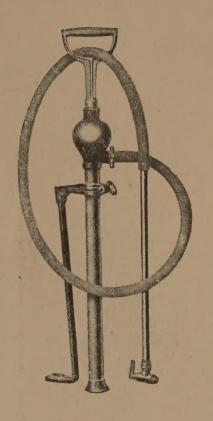
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